Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

1810.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

At the Annual Communication of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday, September 11th, 5810.

PRESENT:

M.E. ANGIER MARCH, . .	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" DAN'L BAXTER, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand Treasurer,
EDW'D HORSMAN, . .	Grand Secretary.
JOSIAH CALEF, . .	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Steward.
EBENEZER OLIVER, . .	Grand Inside Sentinel.
WILLIAM EATON, . .	Grand Tyler.

Comps. Geo. Jackson, E. Wheeler, John Edson, William Lamb and Calvin Howe, admitted visiters by vote.

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's, . .	JOHN B. HAMMATT.
" " . .	DAN'L BAXTER.
King Cyrus, . . .	ANGIER MARCH.
" " . . .	DAVID MERRILL.

St. John's, . . .	DAVID CHILD.
Mount Vernon, . .	JOSIAH CALEF.
" " . .	ALEX'R BOWERS.
King Solomon's, . .	Not represented.

Voted, That the Secretary be and he is hereby directed to call upon King Solomon's Royal Arch Chapter for the annual return and fees due the Grand Chapter, and also to inform said Chapter of a breach of the regulations of the Grand Chapter by not being represented.

Voted to postpone the consideration of motion made at the last meeting respecting Charters, &c., until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter.

Voted, That Comps. E. Angier March, E. John B. Hammatt and Josiah Calef, be a Committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and report what compensation shall be allowed for their services the year past.

The said Committee having retired some time reported on their return, that having attended the duty assigned them, they find the Treasurer's account correctly cast and properly vouched, and that there is a balance due him of ninety dollars and forty-five cents. The Secretary has no account, but the Committee further report, that in consequence of extra duty the past year, he be allowed fifteen dollars for his faithful services, which report was accepted.

Voted, That the Secretary be requested to acknowledge the receipt of a communication from the M.E. Companion Oliver Prescott, and express to him the regret of this Grand Chapter, that he should feel himself under the necessity of declining a re-election.

The following officers were duly elected for the year ensuing and proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, viz.:

M.E. James Dean Hopkins, Esq.,	Grand High Priest.
E. Wm. Woart, Esq., . .	Grand King.
" Sumner Bastow, Esq., .	Grand Scribe.
" Andrew Sigourney, .	Grand Treasurer.
Edw'd Horsman, . .	Grand Secretary.

The installation of the several officers was deferred until the Stated Communication in December next. The Secretary to inform the absent officers of their election to office.

Lessons were then given on the Mark and Royal Arch Degrees.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th, 5810.

Present:

M.E. James D. Hopkins, Esq.,	Grand High Priest.
E. Henry Fowle, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
" Thos. Jackson, . .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" Sumner Bastow, . .	Grand Scribe.
" Andrew Sigourney, .	Grand Treasurer.
Edw'd Horsman, . .	Grand Secretary.
Henry Purkett, . .	Grand Marshal.
Seth Johnson, . .	Grand Steward.
Josiah Calef, . .	" "
Eben'r Oliver, . .	Grand Inside Sentinel.
Wm. Eaton, . . .	Grand Tyler.

Isaiah Thomas, Esq.,	Past Grand High Priest.
Oliver Prescott, Esq., "	" " " "

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's, . .	John B. Hammatt.
" " . .	Thomas Redman.
" " . .	John Chadwick.
King Cyrus, . . .	Not represented.
St. John's, . . .	John Abbot.
" " . . .	Jas. Lewis.
Mt. Vernon, . . .	Nath'l Jenks.
King Solomon's, . .	John Brown.

Visiters admitted by vote.—Alex'r Bowers, Eben'r Hurd, Jonas Horwitz, Rob't Brockhouse and Jas. K. King.

Comps. M.E. Henry Fowle, Jno. Abbot and Thos. Redman were chosen a Committee to wait on Jas. D. Hopkins, Esq., Grand High Priest elect, and introduce him for installation, and the introduction having been accordingly made, he was duly installed Grand High Priest by M.E. Oliver Prescott, Esq., Past High Priest.

The several officers elected in September last, were then duly installed by M.E. Jas. D. Hopkins, (except Comp. Wm. Woart, Grand King, absent), and proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, who likewise proclaimed the following nominations from the chair, viz.:

M.E. Henry Fowle, . .	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Henry Purkett, . .	Grand Marshal.
Rev. Jas. Thompson, . .	Grand Chaplain.
Jno. Bartlett, . .	" "
Comp. Jacob Perkins, . .	Grand Steward.
" James Locke, . .	" "
" Seth Johnson, . .	" "
" Jno. Chadwick, . .	" "
Eben'r Oliver, . .	Grand Inside Sentinel.

WM. EATON, . . . Grand Tyler.
JEREMIAH FOLSOM, . " "

The Grand High Priest then installed Comp. M.E. Henry Fowle, Deputy Grand High Priest.

The Deputy Grand High Priest then installed the officers in the preceding nomination.

The motion on Charters made at the June meeting, 5810, was amended and passed, as follows, viz.:

Voted, That when an application shall be made to this Grand Chapter for a Charter, for holding or opening a new Chapter, and it shall meet the approbation of this Chapter, that the Grand High Priest shall grant his dispensation for the same, to be in force not exceeding twelve months; and during that time the said Chapter shall be examined in its ability of holding said Chapter by a Committee to be appointed by the Grand High Priest, said Committee to report to the Grand High Priest, and if said report meet his approbation, he shall within the year appoint a time for the installation of the officers of said Chapter, and direct the Secretary to make out a Charter to bear even date with the dispensation. The fees for the Charter to be paid upon receiving the dispensation—and all expenses of the Grand Chapter for the installation of Chapters to be paid by the Chapter to be installed.

Voted, That the Secretary be directed to deliver to the High Priest of each Chapter, as many Diplomas as he shall request, said Diplomas to be accounted for at the annual meeting in September.

A petition from several Companions at Salem to hold a Royal Arch Chapter in that place was read and no procedure

made thereon, the petitioners withdrawing the same on account of its informality.

The Grand Chapter was adjourned until the evening of Wednesday, Jan'y 9th, 5811, then to meet at this place.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,

Grand Secretary.

ADJOURNED MEETING.

At an Adjourned Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, at Mason's Hall, Boston, January 9th, A. L. 5811.

PRESENT:

M.E. THOS. JACKSON, . .	Grand High Priest, *pro tem.*
E. JOHN B. HAMMATT, .	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" SETH JOHNSON, . .	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY, .	Grand Treasurer.
" ROB'T LASH, Jr., . .	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
" HENRY PURKETT, . .	Grand Marshal.
JNO. CHADWICK, . .	Grand Steward.
EBEN'R OLIVER, . .	Grand Inside Sentinel.
WM. EATON, . . .	Grand Tyler.

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's, . .	JOSIAH CALEF.
King Cyrus, . . .	Not represented.
St. John's, . . .	Not represented.
Mt. Vernon, . . .	MICH'L ROULESTONE.
" " . . .	ROB'T BARBER.
King Solomon's, . .	Not represented.

The Grand Marshal informed the M.E. High Priest that Comps. Rob't Brookhouse and Chas. King, being a Committee from several Companions residing at Salem, wished to present a petition—whereupon it was voted that said Committee have a seat assigned them, which was done; and the prayer of the petitioners to establish and hold a Chapter in Salem to be designated by the name of Washington Chapter, was granted.

A true copy from the minutes.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.

STATED MEETING.

At a Stated Meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, held at Mason's Hall, Boston, on Tuesday evening, June 11th, A. L. 5811.

PRESENT:

M.E. HENRY FOWLE,	Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. THOMAS JACKSON,	Grand King, *pro tem.*
" JOHN ABBOT,	Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
" ANDREW SIGOURNEY,	Grand Treasurer.
" EDW'D HORSMAN,	Grand Secretary.
" HENRY PURKETT,	Grand Marshal.
SETH JOHNSON,	Grand Senior Steward.
JOHN CHADWICK,	Grand Junior Steward.
EBEN'R OLIVER,	Grand Inside Sentinel.
WM. EATON,	Grand Tyler.

Chapters.	*Representatives.*
St. Andrew's,	M.E. JNO. B. HAMMATT.
" "	Comp. SAMUEL HOWE.

King Cyrus,	Not represented.
St. John's,	JAMES LEWIS.
" "	DAVID CHILD.
Mount Vernon,	JAS. GILCHRIST.
" "	JOHN PARKS.
King Solomon's,	Not represented.
Washington,	Not represented.

Comps. Jos. Jenkins, Jas. W. Jenkins and Robert Dawes admitted visiters by vote.

A communication was received from Comp. Chas. Hodge, Secretary of King Cyrus Royal Arch Chapter, stating that Comp. Benj. Merrill had been expelled from said Chapter for unmasonic conduct; whereon it was voted that said communication be placed on file, and that the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the Secretary of King Cyrus' Chapter, that as this communication will be a precedent, it is thought proper by the Grand Chapter that the communication should be signed by the High Priest of King Cyrus Chapter, attested by the Secretary, and that the offence of the expelled member, so far as may be proper, be communicated.

Voted, That a public dinner be provided at the annual communication of the Grand Chapter in September next.

Voted, That tickets for the above-named dinner be provided for the officers and permanent members of the Grand Chapter, the expense to be paid from the Grand Treasury.

Voted, That Companions M.E. Jona. Gage, Wm. Woart and Angier March be a Committee to carry into effect the two preceding votes.

Attest,

EDW'D HORSMAN,
Grand Secretary.